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By JAMES WRIGHT, A. M.
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UNIVERSAL SCOTS ALMANACK,
FOR 1787.
The Calculations by *JAMES DINWIDDIE*, A. M.
The Almanack is embellished with
A MAP OF SCOTLAND,
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WITH THE
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From the latest Surveys:
In which not only the principal towns, but all the different stages are particularly set down, with the exact number of statute miles betwixt each.

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FOUND

On FRIDAY the 8th curt. on the road near Haddington, East-Lothian,

A Dark Bay HORSE, without saddle or bridle.—The owner will get him, on applying to Richard Purves, mason in Haddington, and paying the expence of keeping and advertising him.

County of Renfrew.

GEORGE HOUSTOUN of Johnstone, Convener of the County of Renfrew, begs leave to inform the Commissioners of Supply, that he has appointed a meeting to be held at Renfrew, on Tuesday the 26th day of December instant, on the requisition of the Countess of Glasgow.

INQUIRY.

IF Mr ANTHONY WEISS, Architect, a native of the City of *Vienna*, be in this kingdom, it is requested that he will apply to Messrs RAMSAY, WILLIAMSON, and Co. Leith, who will communicate to him information highly advantageous, regarding the pecuniary arrangements of his relations.

It is reported that Mr Weiss once attended the Thistle Lodge of Edinburgh, and is now employed carrying on some buildings in this country.—If any person can furnish Messrs Ramsay, Williamson, and Co. with such information as may enable them to trace out Mr Weiss, it will be held a great obligation by his respectable connections in Germany.

Should this advertisement come to the knowledge of Mr Weiss, he will attend that it is at the desire of Francis Anthony Bindter, Esq; of Vienna.

AUCTION
OF HARDWARE, JEWELLERY, SILVER, AND PLATED GOODS, WRIGHTS TOOLS, &c,
(For behoof of Creditors,)

BEING the whole stock in trade of THOMAS LAING, merchant and edge-tool-maker, which is to be SOLD by auction upon Friday the 22d current, at his shop next door to the General Post-Office, Bridge Street, and to continue till all is sold off.

Time of sale from eleven to three, and from six to nine in the evening.

N. B. Those who are indebted to the said Thomas Laing, are desired to make payment immediately, to Mr James Campbell, Cowgate head, trustee for the Creditors of the said Thomas Laing.

JAMAICA and GRENADA RUM,

TO be SOLD by Auction at the warehouse of William Sibbald and Company, Merchants, Leith, upon Friday the 29th December, at eleven o'clock forenoon,

Sixty Puncheons of Rum in Bond.

ALSO

Thirty Bags of Fine Cotton, and
Ten Tons Fustick.

Samples may be seen at any time, by applying as above.

SCOTS LAW.

ALL GENTLEMEN who had entered this winter with the late Mr William Wallace, Professor of SCOTS LAW, *and who have it in view to come upon trial for admission into the Society of Writers to the Signet, in the course of next spring or summer*, are requested to give information thereof to Mr David Hume Advocate, James's Court, between and Monday next.

GOTTENBURGH TEAS, &c.

JOHN SWANSTON, at the head of Carrubber's Close, has on hand a large cargo of high-flavoured Gottenburgh and other Black and Green Teas, also Foreign and British Spirits, as follow: Bohea, 2s. and 2s. 6d. Congo, 4s. and 4s. 6d. and 5s. Souchong, 5s. 6d. 6s. and 6s. 6d. Common Green, 3s. 8d. and 4s. Good Green, 6s. Fine Hyson, 7s. and 7s. 6d. Finest, 8s. 9s. and 10s. Coffee, 1s. 8d. per pound. Best Double Rum, 8s. 6d. and 9s. Single, 6s. Coniac Brandy, 9s. Ditto, 7s. and 6s. Best Holland Gin, 7s. Common ditto, 4s. 6d. Fairntosh, 5s. Old Whisky, 3s. 4d. Strong Proof, 3s. Ditto, 2s. 8d. per gallon; Currants, Raisins, and other fruits. Those who take pounds of tea may have lump sugar at 8½d.

The above teas and spirits will be found a bargain.

JOHN GRAY,
TEA AND SPIRIT DEALER,
At the Cross, south side of the High Street, Edinburgh,

RETURNS his most grateful thanks to the Public in general, and his Friends in particular, for their many past favours, and assures them, that to merit a continuation of them shall be his firm, constant, and uniform endeavour.

At same time begs leave to inform them, that he has on hand at present, a very large quantity of TEAS and SPIRITS, which he is now selling at the following low prices, viz.

TEAS.	per lib. s.	d.	SPIRITS.	per gal. s.	d.
Bohea, at	1	10	Best old Jamaica Rum,	9	0
Fine ditto,	2	0	Good ditto,	8	6
Congo,	3	6	Single ditto,	6	0
Good ditto,	4	0	Best French Brandy,	8	6
Fine ditto,	4	6	Good ditto,	7	6
Souchong,	5	6	Single ditto,	4	6
Good ditto,	6	0	Cinnamon,	6	0
Finest ditto,	6	6	Best Hollands Geneva,	6	0
Single,	4	0	Good ditto,	4	0
Best Hyson,	9	0	Best old rectified whisky,	3	0
			Good ditto,	2	10
			Single ditto,	2	6

N. B. FRUITS, SOAP, and STARCH, sold as cheap as in any shop in town.——Retailers taking a quantity, will be allowed a proper discount.

JOHN STURROCK,
Tea and Spirit Dealer, Edinburgh,

HAS always on hand a large stock of the following Goods, all of the very best qualities, which at present are selling at his warehouses, at the head of Canongate, and opposite the head of Blackfriars Wynd, High Street, at the following prices, viz.

TEAS,	per lib.		SPIRITS,	per gal.	
Best Bohea tea	2	0	Best double rum	8	0
Ordinary Congo	2	6	Good ditto	7	0
Good middling ditto	3	0	Single ditto	6	0
Good ditto	3	6	Best Coniac Brandy	8	0
Fine ditto	4	0	Good ditto	7	0
Finest ditto	4	6	Single ditto	6	0
Good Souchong	5	0	Good Geneva,	6	0
Fine ditto	5	6	Middling ditto	5	0
Finest ditto	6	0	Rum Shrub	8	0
Single Green	3	6	Brandy ditto	8	0
Finest ditto	4	0	Good Whiskie,	2	6
Good Hyson	6	0	Proof ditto	3	0
Fine ditto	7	0	Strong ditto	4	0
Finest ditto	8	0	Port, Sherry, & Lisbon Wines, in bottles	1	6
Raw Coffee	1	4	English Carcavilla, do.	1	0
Roasted ditto	2	0	Cyder and Perry ditto	0	8
			Best London Porter	0	3

Retailers and others who take large quantities will be allowed a reasonable discount from the above prices.

Some chests of Gottenburgh, Congo, and Souchong Tea, of a very fine quality, at 5 s. and 6 s. per lib.

WANTED,
By order of His Grace the DUKE of RICHMOND Master General, and Honourable BOARD of ORDNANCE,
To Complete the Artificer Company at Gibraltar,
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GOOD STONE-CUTTERS, and able Workmen for Square, Moulded, or Groin Work.
MASONS,—Good Setters and Wallers.
BRICKLAYERS,—For Square, Arched, or Groin Work.
CARPENTERS,—Skilled in framing for Roofs, Floors, &c. and Joiner's Work for finishings.
SMITHS,—For the Fire, making or repairing Machines, and various Iron Work, and to judge the proper heat for Tempering Iron, &c. for tools or other service.

A Bounty of 31. 13 s. 6 d. will be given to each Recruit, viz. One Guinea and a Crown on his being attested, and the remainder on his embarkation for Gibraltar.

None need apply under the age of twenty-one years, or upwards of forty, or who cannot have a good recommendation. The preference will be given to single men: but this is not meant to negative expert workmen, and men of good character, though married.

N. B. When disabled by age or infirmities, they will be entitled to a pension from the Honourable Board of Ordnance, of Sixpence *per diem*.

For particulars, enquire at the Engineer's Office, at the Castle, Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, *December* 2. 1786.

HEN. RUDYERD,
Capt. Commanding Engineer,
North Britain.

FARMS TO LET.

TO be LET for such number of years as shall be agreed upon, and entered to at Whitsunday next, the following FARMS, lying in the counties of Peebles and Lanark.

JEDDERFIELD, in the parish of Peebles, presently possessed by David Grieve.

LYNE and HALLYNE, in the parish of Lyne, presently possessed by Alexander Gray.

HAMILDEAN, in the said parish of Lyne, presently possessed by the said Alexander Gray.

BROADMEADOW, in the parish of Peebles, presently possessed by Walter Ritchie.

ALSO

The Farm of WHITECAMP, in the parish of Crawfordmuir, and county of Lanark, presently possessed by John Brown.

Persons inclining to become Tacksmen of any of the above farms, will please give in their proposals to John Tait writer to the signet, Parkplace, Edinburgh, or to John M'Murdo Esq; at Drumlanrig, between and the first day of January next; and none of the offers will be made public, but such as shall be accepted of.

ALEXANDER LIVINGSTON,
GROCER AND TEA-DEALER,
Opposite Chapel of Ease, Cross-Causeway, Edinburgh,

HAS newly got to hand a large assortment of excellent Gottenburgh TEAS; Good, 4s. 6d. Fine, 5s. Pekoe sort, 5s. 6d. Finest ditto, 6s. Green, 3s. 6d. and 4s. Hyson, 7s. 6d. Finest, 8s. Also, a large quantity of excellent Highland WHISKY, 3s. 3s. 4d. to 4s. per Gallon.

FRUIT, &c. of all kinds.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of ALEXANDER BLYTH.

SUCH of the Creditors as have not yet given in their claims of debt are hereby desired to give them in betwixt this and Candlemas first, to John Westwater manufacturer in Path-head; otherwise they will be excluded from a dividend. Not to be repeated.

Second Notice—First Term.

IN the process of ranking and sale, William Ferguson, Esq; of Raith, with concourse of his Majesty's Advocate, against Alexander Hamilton, now in America, eldest son and heir of the deceased John Hamilton writer in Mauchline and his creditors, the Lord Hailes, Ordinary thereto, by his interlocutor, of date the 9th December 1786, nominated the Lord Rockville of course, to rank the whole creditors of the bankrupt, and assigned the 20th of January next, for the whole creditors to produce all their claims, rights, and diligences competent to them respectively against the bankrupt or his estate, and that for the *first term*; with certification as in a reduction and improbation, and appointed this notice thereof, so as the same may come to the knowledge of all concerned.

H. S. CALLENDER Clerk.

LONDON, —*Dec.* 16.

Yesterday, a gentleman of the name of Locke addressed the General Court of Bank Proprietors, and gave notice, that he should move at the next court in March, for an account of the Company's affairs to be laid before them. It is strange that such accounts should require a question, as the 12th bye-law directs, that the state and condition of the Company should be laid before the Proprietors at every dividend court; whereas no such state or condition is ever noticed at these courts at all. It is a general opinion the Bank can divide ten per cent. The state of their accounts will determine it.

Independent of foreigners and females, there are upwards of *fifteen hundred* Bank Proprietors, among whom may be found the wealthiest men in the kingdom; so that the next General Court in March, in which *accounts are to be called for*, will probably be the fullest Court that has met for a number of years.

There is a Mr George, a Creole, son to the French governor of St Domingo, now at Paris, who realizes all the accomplishments attributed, by Bayle and others, to the admirable Creighton of the Scots. He is so superior at the sword, that there is an edict of the parliament of Paris, to make his engagement in any duel actual death. He is the first dancer in the world. He plays upon seven instruments of music, beyond any other individual. He speaks twenty six languages, and maintains public theses in each. He walks round the various circles of human science like the master of each; and, strange to be mentioned to white men, this Mr George is a Molatto, the son of an African mother.

There are in the Cabinet of the late Sir John Elliot, a few exquisite drawings, which are valued at no less than 500 l. These, which his uncle has refused the bequest under the conditions annexed, will probably come under the hammer, and cause many a squabble among the *amateurs*.

Amidst the great number of bankrupts and failures in this city, we have much pleasure in being informed a wholesale linen draper, near Cheapside, who failed for thirty-four thousand pounds, being his part in a considerable house, and of which he has paid but eleven shillings in the pound, having lately inherited from his deceased brother seventy thousand pounds, has given notice to his creditors to call for the remaining nine shillings in the pound; and also to charge him interest for the same!

A letter from an English gentleman at Madeira has the following article:—The Captain of an American vessel, who is arrived here from Boston, has given us the most pleasing piece of intelligence we have had for some years. He says, that he was chaced by two large Algerine galleys some time; that they fired several shot at him to bring him to; that he certainly should have been taken, had they not met with the following accident:—Being eager to seize their prey, they crowded all the sail they could, and also made use of their oars; when, in their hurry, they run upon a rock, and soon went to pieces, and both crews were drowned. These two gallies had taken up their station off here, to intercept all vessels that were bound hither. This piece of intelligence gave great joy to all ranks of people; several of their bodies have been thrown on shore, which were buried in the sands, after being stripped of their ornaments.

The dreadful high wind on Wednesday night has proved exceeding fatal to the shipping below bridge; whole tiers were driven from their moorings, and it is supposed that above two hundred sail have ran foul of each other, and received considerable damage. A great number of craft have likewise been sunk at their moorings, and many other missing. Perhaps, in the memory of man, so much havock has not happened in so short a time.

Extract of a letter from Jersey, Dec. 9.

"The heaviest gales of wind from the S. and S. W. that have been experienced here, have lately blown, and been attended with consequences of the most calamitous nature. The French coasts are covered with wrecks, and the numbers of dead bodies constantly driven on shore are beyond credibility. Yesterday there was driven on shore on this island a large Spanish ship called the St Michael, Pieroneas master, laden with fruit and wine, from Seville, for Amsterdam. The master, mate, and six men, got into the boat as soon as the ship struck, but had no sooner cast off than the boat was overset by the surge, and every person perished; two men, who attempted to get on shore on pieces of the wreck, were drowned; and only six escaped, who are now in a wretched condition. The weather still continues extremely tempestuous, and not a day passes but pieces of wrecks, casks, &c. are driven on shore."

Extract of a letter from Plymouth, Dec. 12.

"Last night the Fairy sloop of war, Captain Manly, lying betwixt the island and the main, broke from her moorings, and was within half her length of the rocks where the Gibraltar frigate was lost in 1770; but, by the exertions of her officers, with the assistance of the men of war's boats, and the boats of the yard (which put off, on hearing her signals of distress), they got her off shore, hoisted her fore-mast, and she put before the wind; and about twelve o'clock at night the gale decreasing, she anchored safe in Catwater, where she now rides very well. The town was alarmed; fearing it was the Leander, of 50 guns, lying in the Sound, which has been waiting for orders these six weeks; three of which have been nothing but continued hard gales of wind, accompanied with a heavy swelling sea. She has worn out two cables and lost an anchor, but has rode it out very well."

Extract of a letter from Portland, Dec. 12.

"Last night and this morning it blew a hurricane; which I fear has proved fatal to many; a French ship, belonging to Cherbourg, got entangled amongst the rocks last night, and this morning went to pieces; the crew got upon the rock, but the sea ran so high that they were washed off, and all perished, for we could not give them the least assistance. Some pieces of wreck are this afternoon brought on shore. More accidents of this sort have happened here lately than I have remembered for 30 years before, ships having frequently got entangled among these rocks, though most of them have had the good fortune to get clear without much damage."

Extract of a letter from Cowes, Dec. 13.

"Yesterday about 180 of the crew of the Juno Dutch frigate, which is stranded, were happily got on shore; and it is hoped, as the weather is now moderate, the rest will be saved to day."

Extract of a letter from a Gentleman at Exeter to his Friend in Boston, dated Sept. 24. 1786.

"The riotous spirit has met a severe check, which will give a severe wound to the knavish system: the hands of lawful government will be strengthened; it will give a spur to the militia; and each side will now know their own strength and weakness. Our General Sullivan behaved with great prudence, mildness, firmness, and dispatch; and success crowned his exertions. Gen. Ceilly distinguished himself by rushing sword-in-hand among the rioters, and pulling them out as a butcher would seize sheep in a flock. Several other continental officers and soldiers did eminent service. The rabble were struck with a panic at the sight of the light horse, and the very name of artillery. They fled over fences into the woods, and scattered in all directions."

Boston, Oct. 3. The mob in Berkshire county, which obstructed the sitting of the Court of Common Pleas, &c. there, carried their outrages so far, as by threats and menaces to oblige three of the Justices of that Court to sign a written paper, purporting, "that they would hold no more Courts until their grievances were redressed." The other Judge, however, set their threats at defiance, and braved all the consequences that might ensue from an utter refusal to adopt so disgraceful a measure.—*Connect. Courant.*

FOR THE CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

TO SAPPHO

BY the banks of the smooth-gliding Tweed,
Inspir'd with poetical fire,
Whilst Pan drove his flocks thro' the mead,
And Sappho assisted my lyre;

I sung of the sweetness of love;
Apollo soft-tun'd the gay lay;
The warblers reply'd from the grove,
And the flow'rets bloom'd freshness in May.

The Gods gave my Sappho a grace
They never gave mortal before;
So sweet and so fair was her face,
All the shepherds dropt down to adore.

She stole the soft tints from the rose;
She stole the bright whiteness from snow;
She stole all Aurora's fresh glows:
She's the flower of fair damsels below.

She stole from the Graces their charms,
Her face is so fair and so smart:
Oh! Sappho, indulge my fond arms,
You've stole from poor Strephon his heart!

T. T.

PRICES OF CORN AT CORN EXCHANGE, Dec. 18.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Wheat,	32 to 36	0	Hog Pease,	26 to	
Barley,	21 to 22	0	Beans,	27 to	
Rye,	25 to 27	0	Tares,	23 to	
Oats,	15 to 20	0	Flour per Sack.		
Pale Malt,	31 to 33	0	First,	30	
Brown Malt,	32 to 34	6	Second,	27	
Pease,	36 to 38	0	Rape Seed —— per last.		

From the LONDON GAZETTE, *Dec.* 16.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, Dec. 16. 1785.

ON Friday the 1st inſtant, Sir Richard Jebb, Bart. was ſworn and admitted into the office and place of Phyſician in Ordinary to his Majeſty, in the room of Sir Edward Wilmot, Bart. deceaſed.

Stockholm, Nov. 14.

The Daniſh Miniſter, Monſ. de Juel, having been charged by his Court with the inſignia of the Order of the Elephant, preſented them to the King of Sweden at Upſala, on Saturday laſt, to which place he was carried in one of his Majeſty's coaches, accompanied by the Maſter of the Ceremonies. On his return hither yeſterday, the King gave him a public audience, when there was a very full Court, at which, being preceded by his Secretary of Legation, who carried the badges of the Order on a cuſhion, after having harangued his Majeſty on the occaſion, he preſented them to the King, who then inveſted the Prince Royal with that Order, with the uſual ceremonies.

St James's, Dec. 16.

THE following Addreſs of the Freeholders, Commiſſioners of Supply, Juſtices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen Heritors of the county of Inverneſs, has been preſented to the King by the Right Honourable Lord William Gordon, repreſentative in Parliament for the ſaid county, being introduced by the Lord of his Majeſty's Bedchamber in Waiting: Which Addreſs his Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

May it pleaſe the King's Moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Freeholders, Commiſſioners of Supply, Juſtices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen Heritors of the County of Inverneſs, met here this day, in conſequence of a printed circular letter wrote to them by the Sheriff-depute.

The Hon. Archibald Fraſer, of Lovat, in the Chair.

WE, your Majeſty's dutiful and loyal ſubjects, the Freeholders, Juſtices of the Peace, and Commiſſioners of Supply of the county of Inverneſs, deeply intereſted in the preſervation of your ſacred perſon, beg leave to approach the Throne with heartfelt joy for your Majeſty's providential eſcape from a late infatuated attempt on your Royal perſon.

Unfeigned attachment to your Royal perſon is ſo rivetted in the breaſts of your ſubjects, that none endowed with underſtanding could be capable of meditating ſo wild and daring an attempt.

Permit us to offer to your Majeſty our condolence on the late demiſe of a Princeſs of your illuſtrious Houſe; and to aſſure your Majeſty of our ſincere wiſhes that your Majeſty may long reign over a free and happy people, and tranſmit the Crown to your deſcendants, to the remoteſt generation.

Signed, in name of the meeting, by

A. Fraſer Lovat, Preſes.

Inverneſs, November 21. 1786.

The following Addreſs having been tranſmitted to the Right Honourable Lord Sydney, his Majeſty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been preſented to the King: Which Addreſs his Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

The humble Addreſs of the Juſtices of the Peace, Freeholders and Commiſſioners of Supply, for the county of Stirling.

WE, your Majeſty's dutiful and loyal ſubjects, the Freeholders, Juſtices of the Peace, and Commiſſioners of Supply of the county of Stirling, beg leave to approach your Throne with hearts full of the warmeſt and ſincereſt congratulation on your Majeſty's eſcape from the deſperate hands of a vile aſſaſſin.

It was with the greateſt difficulty we could believe, that under a reign, every part of which has been marked with mercy, charity, and fatherly care and beneficence towards all ranks of men, there could be found among your happy and united people a wretch ſo blind to all that long train of woes that have conſtantly followed the untimely death of Kings.

Nor were we miſtaken in this our diſbelief: Madneſs alone, unconſcious of good or evil; madneſs, armed often againſt its own exiſtence, was found to be the inſtigator of a blow, which the Almighty has graciouſly warded off in mercy to theſe kingdoms.

Senſible of the bleſſings we enjoy under your Majeſty's moſt gracious government, it is our conſtant prayer to the Great Guardian of Kings, that he would preſerve your Majeſty in life, health, and proſperity, till, full of years and full of glory, you tranſmit the Crown of theſe realms, with the ineſtimable bleſſings of peace and union, to your lateſt poſterity.

Signed at Stirling, this 5th day of December, 1786 years, in preſence and by appointment of the Meeting,

James Bruce, Preſes.

[This Gazette likewiſe contains Addreſſes from the Provoſt, Magiſtrates, and Town Council of Inverneſs—and from the Council and Repreſentatives in Aſſembly of the Iſland of Saint Chriſtopher.]

War-Office, Dec. 16. 1786.

8th Regiment of foot, Lieutenant Alexander Duke, from the half-pay in the 89th regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Andrew Armſtrong.

53d Regiment of foot, Lieutenant John Bonamy, from the half-pay in the 83d regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Archibald Gordon.

68th Regiment of foot, Robert Lucas, Gent. to be Enſign, vice Francis Thomas.

LONDON, *Dec.* 18.

Friday their Majeſties and the Princeſs Royal, Princeſs Auguſta, and Princeſs Elizabeth, came from the Queen's Houſe to the Drawing-room at St James's, which was very numerous: The Duke and Ducheſs of Northumberland, the Duke of Montague, the Duke of Queenſberry, the Marquis of Carmarthen, the Marquis of Lothian, the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor, Lord and Lady Fauconburgh, Lord and Lady Hopetoun, General Faucett and his Lady, Lord and Lady Claremont, Lord and Lady Dunmore, and the two Miſs Murrays, Lord and Lady Boſton, Lady North, and the two Miſs Norths, the Ducheſs of Ancaſter, Lady Falmouth, Mr and Mrs Robinſon. Several of the foreign Miniſters, &c. were at the Drawing-room. As ſoon as it was over the Lord Chancellor and Mr Pitt were cloſeted with the King. About five o'clock his Majeſty returned to the Queen's houſe to dinner, and afterwards went to Covent-garden Theatre.

We are furniſhed, ſays a morning paper, with the following as the law arrangement which is certainly ſettled, by a correſpondent in whom we have confidence.

Sir Lloyd Kenyon to be Chief Juſtice of the King's Bench.

Baron Eyre to be Maſter of the Rolls.

Pepper Arden, Eſq; to ſucceed Baron Eyre.

Mr Macdonald to be Attorney-General.

Mr Bearcroft to be Solicitor-General.

The report of Friday was, that Lord Tankerville is to return to the vacant place of Poſtmaſter-General.

In conſequence of Mr Tierny's having declined ſtanding for the India direction, Mr Elphinſton will be elected without oppoſition, in the room of Mr Hall, deceaſed.

The Chapter, which was to have been held on Friday, for inveſting General Fawcit and Lord Galloway with the Order and Ribband of the Bath, was poſtponed to Wedneſday next.

A queſtion for the debating Societies—Which is moſt deſerving of the above honour, the Peer, who from his birth claims it, or the accompliſhed veteran who gains it by merit?

It is no diſparagement to General Fawcit, to ſay, that he roſe from the ranks—his pride, even at this day, is to mark the period of an event, by ſaying, "I was at that time a Private," or "a Serjeant of Grenadiers."

It is ſaid with confidence, That it is not the Miniſter's intention to make an alteration in the French Commercial Treaty, reſpecting the Rights of the City of London to the package, ſalvage, and bailiage, which are annihilated by the treaty; but that it is in meditation to give to the city a compenſation for the ſame.

In this caſe a queſtion ariſes, whether the citizens can diſpoſe of a franchiſe which they received from their fathers, and are bound to tranſmit to poſterity?

The preſent Commercial Treaty between Great Britain and France will produce a mutual advantage to both countries, by abridging the enormous body of Exciſe and Cuſtom-houſe officers.—The corps of brigades, in France, appointed to protect the ſalt duties only, amount to 23,000 men.

Friday ſome diſpatches were received at the Portugueſe Ambaſſador's houſe in South-Audley-ſtreet, from Liſbon, which were ſaid to be of importance, and concerning the new commercial treaty which Meſſrs. Walpole and Fawkener are negociating with the Court of Portugal.

A foreign meſſenger yeſterday arrived at St James's with diſpatches from the Hague, and it is ſaid delivered a memorial from the Dutch-Eaſt-India Company, relative to the infringements of certain articles of trade, by Engliſh veſſels, on the coaſts of the iſland of Borneo.

An elegant portrait of the late King of Pruſſia, ſuperbly ornamented with brilliants, has juſt been preſented to his Majeſty from the preſent Sovereign of that country.

An Ambaſſador from the Bey of Turkis is ſhortly expected to arrive in this metropolis, a houſe having already been taken for his reception.

By letters from Conſtantinople, dated the 3d of November, we learn, that on that day, the cannon at the gates of the Seraglio were fired, to announce the melancholy news of the death of the beloved Sultan and Sovereign Abdul Hamid; ſincerely regretted by the whole empire, for the care and regard he had to his ſubjects in general, and for the mildneſs with which his reign has been diſtinguiſhed. His Highneſs never enjoyed a good ſtate of health, owing to a violent diſorder in the ſtomach, which often attacked him. He has left behind him 1200 favourites, whom he particularly diſtinguiſhed, excluſive of the Sultanas and the Prince Selim, who is preſumptive heir to the throne.

A foreign gazette, of Wedneſday the 15th of November, gives a detail of the criminal proceedings againſt the celebrated Count O'Reilly, a Lieutenant-General in the ſervice of his Catholic Majeſty, and late Governor of the province of Andaluſia, on the charge of murdering his coachman, on the road between Seville and Saragoſſa, on the 2th of Auguſt laſt. The trial came on before the tribunal for the province of Arragon, when, after an impartial hearing of ſeveral hours, the Count was honourably acquitted, by a majority of ſeven againſt two of his judges.

From an accurate calculation, the ſalt duties of France laſt year amounted to 60,000,000 of livres, or about 2,626,262 l. ſterling, out of which the Monarch pays 7,650,000 livres for purchaſe, commiſſion, tranſportation, meaſurement, and freight.

By the above eſtimate, which may be depended on, 3,733 ſeizures were made from Auguſt 1785 to the end of July laſt; during which period 2,100 men, 1,870 women, and 5,150 youths, with 1,175 horſes, and 72 wheel carriages, have been arreſted on the highways and other places, eſpecially on the frontiers of Britanny, and in the Directorſhips of Saval and Anger.—The greateſt part of the women and children were ſoon releaſed, as ſuppoſed to have acted under the influence of the men. The number of priſoners, *communibus annis*, are from 17 to 1,780, out of which about three hundred of the ringleaders are annually ſent to the gallies for ſmuggling ſalt, tobacco, and other prohibited commodities.

Since Government reſolved upon the meaſure of ſending criminals to Botany-bay, the flattering deſcriptions given of the climate and fertility of that quarter of the globe has induced great numbers of the lower rank of people to apply to ſeveral Juſtices of the Peace and naval officers, to ſuffer them to accompany the felons upon their tedious voyages. This infatuation, there is reaſon to ſuppoſe, however ſtrange it may appear, has greatly tended to increaſe the number of offenders; as ſeveral perſons have lately, upon hearing from the turnkey of Newgate and many jails in the country, "that no *volunteers* could be taken to this deſirable ſettlement," declared, that "they would find a way of being ſent thither according to *law*."

It is a melancholy truth, that there are now in Newgate (including 132 debtors) no fewer than between 7 and 800 priſoners! a much greater number than ever was known before in the annals of the Old Bailey.

There is in the ſecond ſection of the new "act for appointing Commiſſioners to enquire into the ſtate and condition of the woods, foreſts, and land revenues, belonging to the Crown," one of the moſt extraordinary delegations of power that the annals of Parliament can produce. This paſſage is couched in the following terms:

"And, for the better execution of this act, be it further enacted, that the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall have power to meet and ſit, from time to time, in ſuch place or places as they ſhall find convenient, with or without adjournment; and to ſend their precept, or precepts, under their hands and ſeals, for ſuch witneſſes as they ſhall think neceſſary to examine, for the better diſcovery and finding out of the matters or things by this act directed to be enquired and examined into by them, and to examine ſuch witneſſes, upon oath, touching and concerning ſuch diſcovery and diſcloſure."

The Commiſſioners, from the above paragraph, have an authority to hold a Court in Cornwall, and ſummon all the nobility and gentry of Northumberland to attend them, and to take examinations upon oath. That ſo wanton an exerciſe of power is to be apprehended, is not contended for; but the *authority* is undoubtedly *given*. And the recompenſe will be found to be entirely at the diſcretion of the Commiſſioners.

This morning Michael Walker, alias Iriſh Myke, Richard Payne, alias James Davis, and Robert Cox, a boy about fifteen, convicted on Friday laſt at the Old Bailey, for the wilful murder of Mr Duncan Robertſon, near Smart's Buildings, High Holborn, were executed on a gibbet erected near the ſpot where the horrid fact was committed. They were taken from Newgate in a cart about eight o'clock.

Walker and Payne appeared to be almoſt in a ſtate of ſtupidity, though the former had a book in his hand, at which he frequently looked, but not as if the contents ſeemed to have any conſiderable effect upon him.

The cries and lamentations of the boy were inceſſant, and ſo loud as to be heard at a great diſtance: he frequently exclaimed, "The Lord have mercy on my ſoul! Chriſt receive my ſoul!"

The cart drew from under the gallows about nine, and after hanging an hour, the bodies were taken to Surgeon's Hall for diſſection.

On this occaſion a great concourſe of people attended, perhaps not leſs than five thouſand; and ſo atrocious was the guilt of the miſerable ſufferers, that while in the agonies of death they were but little commiſerated by the numerous ſpectators.

PRICE of STOCKS, Dec. 18.

New 4 per cent. 1777, 93.	India Bonds, 84 s. prem.
3 per cent. Ann. 1785, ſhut.	New Navy and Vict. Bills, —
3 per cent. red. 73¼ a 74.	Long Ann. 22.
3 per cent. con. ſhut. 75⅛ with div. for open.	10 Years Short Ann. 1777, —
3 per cent. 1726, ſhut.	30 Years Ann. 1778, 13 9-16ths a ¼.
South Sea Stock, —	Exch. Bills, 15 s. prem.
Old S. S. Ann. —	Lottery Tickets, 14 l. 17 6 d.
New ditto, —	Bank for Jan. 149.
3 per cent. 1751, —	Conſols for Jan. 74¼ a ⅞.
India Stock, ſhut.	
India Scrip. —	
3 per cent. India Ann. —	

WIND AT DEAL, Dec. 16. N. N. W.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, Dec. 18.

"The opinion ſome time ſince formed, reſpecting the unfiniſhed ſtate of the commercial treaty with the Court of France, is now confirmed beyond a doubt, by the ſudden and unexpected return of Mr Eden to the Court of France, with more errors, defects, and blunders in the commercial treaty than it will, perhaps, be poſſible to have rectified and removed before the day appointed for the meeting of Parliament. Not to make any farther obſervation, at this time, on the Miniſter and his Plenipo, what will the French Miniſter think of Mr Eden, when he tells him, among other things, that, when he conſented to the article that does away the greateſt part of the rights and property of the city of London, neither he nor Mr Pitt were ſenſible of what they were doing, but wholly ignorant thereof?

"The embarraſſment of the Cabinet, of which you were informed, becomes every day more and more apparent. A certain great perſonage is, it ſeems, determined upon having Lord H——y in the Cabinet; and the C——r, who alſo wiſhes it, is willing that Lord S——y ſhould go to the Poſt-office in the room of the late Lord C——n, to make way for Lord H——y as one of his Majeſty's Secretaries of State; but this the Miniſter ſtoutly oppoſes, not liking to have his Lordſhip in the Cabinet, and is endeavouring to ſtrengthen his intereſt againſt it, by bringing the Marquis of B——m into the Cabinet, as the Firſt Lord of the Admiralty in the room of Lorn H—e, who, with the concurrence of his friend and patron, the Duke of G——n, is to be got out *in a good-natured way*.

"There is alſo a talk, and a very general one, that Mr Juſtice Buller is not quite certain of being the new Lord Chief Juſtice of the King's Bench. In the new miniſterial arrangement, Lord Mansfield wiſhes that Lord Stormont may be taken in; but the C——r will not liſten to this, unleſs Lord Mansfield will conſent to his being ſucceeded by Sir Lloyd Kenyon. With reſpect, therefore, to the new Lord Chief Juſtice, a great deal depends upon Lord Stormont.

"It is likewiſe mentioned, that Mr D—, in order to *his* being brought into the Cabinet, is to be appointed a third Secretary of State, as the Secretary for Eaſt India affairs; and that Mr Pitt recommends it."

On Monday the 18th inſtant, the Right Honourable Lady Balgonie was ſafely delivered of a ſon at his Lordſhip's houſe in Spring Gardens, London.

George Cunningham, Eſq; of Monkredden, died at Monkredden, Ayrſhire, upon Saturday the 9th current, after a long and ſevere illneſs, which he bore with becoming patience and reſignation.

Died at Renfrew, the 12th inſtant, aged twenty-one years, Miſs Simpſon, daughter of the Reverend Mr Archibald Simpſon.

Tueſday died at Glaſgow, Mr Andrew Millar, merchant in that city.

In the bill which the Magiſtrates mean to petition Parliament for leave to bring in at their next meeting, we are informed, it is intended to crave liberty to be allowed to borrow 25,000l. upon the ſhore-dues of Leith, for the purpoſe of enlarging and deepening the harbour. Application, it is ſaid, will alſo be made in the ſame bill for powers to take down part of Milne's Square, in order to widen the ſouth entry to the North Bridge. And as the city has been ſo much extended of late years, it is likewiſe propoſed to apply for powers to increaſe the number of the City Guard, that uſeful body of men, who, from the circumſtance above mentioned, are now found inadequate to give ſufficient protection to both Old and New Towns, and the inhabitants of the Southern Diſtricts, a ſtill greater extenſion of which will neceſſarily take place, in conſequence of the South Bridge, which is now happily brought to a degree of forwardneſs, that reflects the higheſt honour on the Truſtees, and upon every perſon employed under them, in the execution of this moſt beneficial undertaking.

We hear that the buſineſs at Leith is encreaſed ſo much of late, that the porters and carters now employed are not ſufficient to load and unload the ſhips. An additional number of theſe uſeful people are therefore as much wanted at Leith as an enlargement of the harbour.

On Tueſday laſt, as ſeveral carts with their drivers were coming towards Edinburgh, five miles from Haddington, they were come up to by the Mail Coach. The guard ſounded his horn as a ſignal for their clearing the way; inſtead of which, knowing their ſtrength and number, they immediately completely blocked up the road, by giving their carts a zig-zag direction, ſome taking the right, ſome the left, and ſome ſtill keeping the middle. The guard by this time was near enough to deſire they would halve the road. Their anſwer was only a contemptuous laugh; and the paſſengers deſiring him to alight and do his duty, by taking the number of the carts, he got down with his blunderbuſs in his hand; and going to one of the carts, on the ſhafts of which a carter ſat, the fellow directly jumped down, and beat him to the ground. The guard, however, getting up, ſtruck the carter with the end of his blunderbuſs, but was again beat down. By this time a paſſenger, Mr Hatker, had left the coach, and came up to them, while the carter was endeavouring to [illegible] the blunderbuſs from the guard, which he prevented with ſome ſtrength and threats, by forcing it from both. By this time the remainder of the carters came up, and a ſcuffle enſued between the coachman and guard on one ſide, and the carters on the other, in which the ſervants of government were very ill uſed, much hurt, and ſeveral times beat to the ground; ſo that had not the gentlemen interfered, who by this time had returned from the carts, where they had been to take the name of the owner, the numbers, &c. the cataſtrophe, in all probability, would have been fatal. Too much praiſe cannot be given to the guard, who twice beat down with the inſtrument of death in his hand, never offered to level at his adverſary. The gentlemen who were paſſengers, are determined to ſee examples made of theſe carters for the good of future travellers.

We underſtand the above affair is taken up in a very ſerious manner by the Poſtmaſter General of this city, who, for the protection of property and the benefit of the public, is reſolved to hold the offenders up as an example.

We hear, there was a meeting on Monday laſt, at Dunbar, of the ſeveral contractors of our mail coach; and that, amongſt many other reſolutions for amendments and conveniency of paſſengers, it was reſolved, that there ſhould be only three coachmen employed in conducting this coach from Edinburgh to Newcaſtle; by which means, being conſtantly on the road, they will be perfectly acquainted with any trifling impediments, and at the ſame time much oblige their cuſtomers. As many paſſengers have for years expreſſed a diſlike, at being perpetually, at the end of every ſtage, teaſed for vails, ſuch alterations and attentions cannot fail to meet with general approbation. This is exactly the mode of travelling on the principal roads in the ſouth.

Yeſterday morning, about three o'clock, an alarm was given of a fire having broke out in a houſe on the North Bridge. The City Guard immediately gave their attendance, and found it to be in one of the garret-rooms, on the weſt ſide of the bridge, above the ſhop of Meſſ. Corrie and Sutherland, muſic-ſellers to her Majeſty. Though the fire had got to ſome length before any notice was taken of it, yet, by the activity and ſpirited exertions of the City Guard, it was happily got under without further aſſiſtance, or alarming any of the inhabitants, except the immediate neighbourhood where the fire broke out.

We hear, that upon Monday laſt, the Directors of the Edinburgh Friendly Inſurance Office, deſired their Caſhier to pay Twenty-two Guineas, to be deſtributed in the following manner:—Twelve Guineas to be diſtributed among the workmen who were active in extinguiſhing the late great fire adjoining to the Parliament Houſe, and Ten Guineas to be diſtributed among the ſoldiers of the 56th re-

giment, presently in the Castle, who attended and did duty upon that occasion.

Yesterday morning, a great quantity of snow fell here, and the frost continues to increase in its intenseness. On Tuesday, at ten o'clock, P. M. Farenheit's Thermometer stood at 22°. Yesterday, at eight o'clock, A. M. it was at 21°. And this day, at ten o'clock, A. M. it fell down to 19°.

Yesterday, William Fleming for theft, and William Melvill and Thomas Angus, two old offenders, for returning from banishment, were whipt through the city, by sentence of the Magistrates, and again banished.

Friday se'ennight, thirteen ploughs were set to work upon a field at Newton, to compete for the premiums given by the Dalkeith society of Farmers, for the three best plowed ridges by Ploughmen from the parishes of Newton, Dalkeith, and Cranston. They performed their work greatly to the satisfaction of a number of Gentlemen and Farmers, when the first Premium was adjudged to John Christie, servant to Mr William Hope farmer in Newton; the second to William Russel, servant to Mr James Hope farmer at Newton; and the third to Mungo Clerk, servant to Mr William Laing, farmer in Craigour.

On the 15th instant, a competition took place, on the farm of Braid, for the premiums distributed to be given to the first, second, and third-best ploughmen which should appear from the parishes of West Kirk and Cramond; this being the sixth and last district connected with the Dalkeith Society, which is to compete this season.

Twenty ploughs appeared, and each man took his station by lot on a lee field. Each of them ploughed one ridge, which was *gathered*.

Sir William Dick, Baronet, with some other gentlemen, were present, and a great number of farmers; to whom the performance of the ploughmen afforded much satisfaction. Three judges were previously appointed, unconnected with this district, and each of them from different parishes, who did not appear on the field till the ploughs were all gone. They adjudged the prizes as follow:—The first to William Thomson, servant to Mr Punton, farmer at Balgreen; the second to James King, likewise servant to Mr Punton; and the third to John Nimmo, servant to Mr Robertson farmer in Plewlands.

The farmers present collected fifteen shillings, which they gave in five prizes, five shillings being the highest, to be won by those who should draw the straightest furrows. A pole was fixed on one side of a flat lying field, and each ploughman again took his station by lot, at the distance of about two hundred and fifty yards, being placed about six yards distant from each other. Every one in turn stared for the pole. The prizes, by the same judges, were given as follows:—The first to John Nimmo, servant to Mr Robertson farmer in Plewlands; the second to William Thomson, servant to Mr Punton farmer Balgreen; the third to Andrew Toward, servant to Mr Bryden, farmer in Braid; the fourth to Thomas Reid, servant to Mr Gray, farmer in Gorgiemuir; and the fifth to James Lowden, servant to Mrs Scott farmer, Myreside.

We hear that the Provost and Magistrates of Wick, the county town of Caithness, after the example of the other northern Burghs, having taken into consideration the expediency of an union of the Aberdeen Colleges, and having attentively perused the following papers, viz. the Outlines of the Plan of Union, the Memorial of some Professors of King's College, the Reply to the Memorial, and the Defence of the conduct of the Marischal College, were pleased unanimously to approve of such an Union, as a measure which, in their opinion, "would tend greatly to the advancement of literature and science in the northern parts of Scotland." Would other public societies, who think themselves interested in this matter, carefully peruse all the printed papers on both sides, before coming to any resolution on the subject, it is believed that there could not be any considerable difference of opinion among them.

We are informed, that the Presbytery of Uist, having maturely considered the projected Union of the King's and Marischal Colleges, and impartially weighed the arguments on both sides of the question, did, at their meeting in October last, *unanimously disapprove* of the said Union upon the plan now concerted.

On Saturday last, the Magistrates of Aberdeen condemned James Brown (mentioned in a former paper, as having defrauded several shopkeepers of bottles of spirits) to be pilloried and whipped on the 29th current, and to be banished that city for life.

The same day the Magistrates condemned John Sangster, commonly called *The Rotten*, son to John Sangster flater there, to be whipped on the 29th, and banished the city for life, for stealing a silver spoon from a house where he had been employed to clean chimnies.

We hear that last week, Charles Chapman and William Pigg, were apprehended at Gibside, and committed to Durham goal, charged with being aiding and assisting in carrying off Lady Strathmore.

Early on Monday as a gentleman was going to Paisley, he heard a cry of *murder*, from a park beyond the three mile house, which induced him to see what was the cause; and going to the place from whence the cry came, he perceived a young man with a glazed hat, dragging a Highland boy by the neck, with his napkin: he relieved the boy, and gave the fellow a drubbing with his whip. After the rascal went off, the boy told the gentleman, that after walking with him about a mile, he asked where he was going, if he had any money, and if he had a knife; that he demanded his money, knife shoes, &c. otherwise he would cut his throat, which induced him to cry out murder. On the boy's telling the gentleman the above, he fired a pistol after him, and took the boy on the horse behind him to Paisley, as it was but dawning day-light.

Friday night, a young lady had her pocket cut away from her side by one of the light-fingered tribe as she was going into the entry that leads to St Andrew's Church, Saltmarket, Glasgow.—It contained a few shillings, and some trinkets.

We are informed from Kilsyth, that on Monday morning last, a mad dog came into a park there, and bit six cows, and these afterwards bit a great many more.

At the close of the poll on Tuesday evening at Carlisle, the numbers were—For Rowland Stephenson, Esq; 335—Edward Knubley, Esq; (legal Freemen) 145: majority for Mr Stephenson, 190.—A number of mushrooms, equal to the above majority, have been admitted to poll by Sir J. Senhouse, Knt. Mayor.—It was expected the poll would close on Thursday last, but what return his L——p may order to be made is yet totally uncertain.

The following is the damage done to the quay at Douglas in the Isle of Mann, &c. From the Pier Head, upwards, a length of more than eighty yards is entirely down. The greatest part of the rubbish fell outwards; but a considerable part fell within the harbour; not, however, so much as to block up the entrance, although it has made it narrower. The part of the quay that remains is so well secured, that there is no doubt of its standing during the winter.

Lights.—Upon this part of the Pier, near the end of it, will be fixed a very good Light, and another Light will be suspended by means of a pole, near the place where the light-house stood, as a guide to ships coming in during the night-time.

Captain Crawford, of the Cumbraes cutter, has sent into Clyde a large smuggling lugger, laden with brandy, tea, &c. taken off the Mull of Galloway, and was in chace of another.

Captain Redmayn, of the Friendship, arrived at Liverpool, from Jamaica, in lat. 36. 52. long. 67. 17. spoke the Isabella, Macalister, from Glasgow to Virginia, all well.

The Molly, ——, is arrived at Havre de Grace, from Virginia.

Virginia, Scott, at Portsmouth, from Maryland.

Recovery, Baxter, at Rotterdam, from Clyde.

Betsey, Butler, at Maryland, from London.

At this season Dr STEERS's OPODELDOC is recommended to the use of families, and in particular to those that have the care of children, being the best application for chilblains in the hands and feet, which it removes very speedily, and, if used in time, will prevent their breaking: it is equally efficacious in the rheumatism, and in bruises, sprains, and other external complaints.—Sold by H. Steers, at No 10, Old Bond-street, and by F. Newbery, No. 45. St Paul's Church yard, five doors from the corner of Cheapside, London, in bottles of one size only, price 1 s. 9 d. each, and 3 d. stamp duty.

N. B. As a perfect security against counterfeits, all purchasers are requested to observe, that the name of F. NEWBERY is engraved in all the stamps, by favour of the Commissioners of the Stamp Office, the imitation of which will be a capital offence.

Extract of a letter from Gordonsburgh, a village belonging to the Duke of Gordon, in the neighbourhood of Fort-William, in Lochaber, Dec. 8.

"There is a very pleasant prospect from the windows of my lodgings here. About a month ago, a large body of herrings came into the lake here. Seven ships on the bounty followed them, whose boats, attended with 40 more, fitted out by the Duke's people of this place, are constantly employed catching them, often at the rate of 100 barrels a day, so that there is every prospect of this becoming one of the best stations for the herring fishery in Scotland; and, as the public are interested in the information, I think you ought to insert this in the Edinburgh newspapers. Feuers, fishers, artificers, and every other industrious settler, meet with liberal encouragement here from the Duke."

Extract of a letter from Dublin, Dec. 14.

"Last night, at eleven o'clock, a dreadful fire broke out at Robinson and Sandwith's rosin and turpentine manufactory, on the Low-ground, Lazor's-hill, opposite the Ordnance-ground. Being composed of such inflammable materials, it is impossible to describe the violence of the fire. Endeavours were used to repress the flames, but the application of water, and even earth, was found in vain, as the rosin, oil and turpentine, floated near a foot deep on the ground. Happily the stores have no connection with any other buildings, and however one quarter may suffer, it is a consolation that the fire had no communication of further mischief.

"The great cause of Dr Bedford, in the Court of Appeals, which took up the entire time of the Court for nine days, is at length concluded.

"This cause has been attended with an expence so enormous, that had any suitor of moderate estate been the unfortunate subject of these informations, he must have been ruined either by sinking under the weight of the many penalties, or the cost of defending himself against them. It is to be hoped this may prove a fortunate circumstance to the community, as from this gentleman's fortune and respectability he will doubtless take such measures, in consequence of this prosecution, as will prevent all such attacks in future.

"It is said this gentleman intends to bring before the Parliament a state of this extraordinary business for their enquiry.

"The pleadings of some of the counsel are said to have been the most eloquent delivered in the court since the days of Mr Burgh. Sir Frederick Flood stated the Appellant's case with great ability, and was followed with their usual eloquence by Mr Wolfe and Mr Currah, who brought plentiful tears not only from the audience, but from himself.

"Mr Ponsonby, counsel to the Commissioners, was replied to with great wit and ability by Counsellor Beresford, who displayed uncommon talents, which promised much to the public from this young gentlumen.——Mr Boyd, as junior counsel for the Crown, followed Mr Ponsonby, of that side: His speech is admitted to have been one of the most able, subtle arguments, that the ingenuity of counsel could fabricate; though this gentleman never once attempted to support the judgment, but turned his argument merely to prove that the prosecutor had probable grounds to justify the commencing this extraordinary prosecution. He argued, with affected candour, and would have deceived many of the bystanders, who were innumerable, and people of consequence; but Mr Wolfe and Mr Burston soon shewed, to the entire satisfaction of the Court, its texture.

"Mr Ponsonby, upon whose advice this cause was brought forward to public view, finding it difficult to support his opinion from law, made some quotations from Farquhar's Beaux Stratagem—but they had not the weight of quotations from lawbooks. And his arguments were refuted by Sir Frederick Flood.

"The conduct of the Court reflects high honour on the Judges, and proves, that the subjects of this country have the fullest justice, even in a court of revenue.

"The cause of contest was a malt-duty, amounting to no more than *twelve shillings and sixpence*—yet it is said to have cost the Appellant above 2000 l. to defend himself, against the penalties into which the Prosecutor divided and subdivided every section of the malt law.

"When such abuses can be committed under the colour of this law, it must cry loudly for the attention and amendment of some of the patriotic members.

"Mr Curan in his argument most solemnly vowed to God, that "was Swift to come out of his 'grave, to write a libel on the Government of this 'country, he would do it best by publishing the 'evidence and judgment in this cause."

FOR THE CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

To the Presbyteries of the Church of Scotland.

A New *Form of Process* is transmitted to you; upon which, as the lawgivers of the Church, you are to decide. On a matter of such magnitude as this is, requiring your collected wisdom to discuss it, and where it would be presumptuous to dictate the report which you ought to make, it is with the utmost diffidence and respect, that the following suggestions are addressed to you.

The new Form, it is not to be doubted, from the judgment with which it is compiled, and the improvements which it contains, will be *approved* of, as it highly deserves to be, in your general return. There are no doubt some additions and alterations, which many of its friends upon both sides of the Church, (it being no matter of party), think advisable to be made, although, at the same time, it is expressly admitted, that there can be reason on that account to disapprove of the overture in general; for even in the present state, and without a single amendment, no person could hesitate in adopting it, instead of the Form 1707.

A defect pervades the whole article of *Penal Law*. It is true, this article was not before the Committee who drew up the form, nor before the Assembly who transmitted it; yet it ought to have been included and revised, for it is a part of the system; and every system, should, as much as possible, be made a whole within itself.

On looking back to your old statutes, you will mark in them, a *severity* upon both orders of men—laics as well as ecclesiastics. But a *change in the times*, and which has not been attended to in the overture, has, since these statutes were made, taken place, and which would have justified censures more worthy of a liberal and enlightened age.

Church censure is a main point, you are to look to. And you will see, that in the case of ecclesiastics, your penal law is an edict against reason itself. For it is absurd, that the same punishment of deposition, should be inflicted in cases attended with every circumstance that can alleviate, and in cases attended with every circumstance that can aggravate guilt. Punishments heavier than the offence, have always made nature recoil, and hurt those very interests which they meant to support. And besides, it has long been observed, as unfavourable to the *purity* of the ministerial character, that there should be no *civil* punishment, but that which carries with it utter ruin; for Church Courts, rather than pass that sentence in less heinous cases, are tempted to assoilzie altogether; and thus, he who is comparatively a petty criminal, but at the same time a real one, escapes without all legal reproach or penalty whatever.

Cut off from your body the heinous and the irreclaimable—but punish sins as sins deserve. Let there be degrees in your scale. In your application to Parliament for a *compulsator* upon witnesses, include a petition, that the *fame* punishment shall not fall upon all who sin.

While you reform the code with respect to ecclesiastics, remember the laity. The *little finger* itself of the Church has lain heavy upon the one as well as upon the other class of men. It was not foreseen, we may believe, that the censures against laics, from certain circumstances which have attended them, would prove baneful to society; but the fact is, that the *public appearances* required to be made by them, have destroyed modesty, and hardened the heart—have begotten falsehood, perjury, child-murder.

The censure of the greatest excommunication, (and which is kept alive in the overture before you) reflects deep upon the discipline of a church, reformed from the small superstitions, yet retaining (although now only on paper) one of the most terrible in Popery. It is a stain upon paper itself; and should be blotted out from your laws.

Passing to other articles in the Overture, it occurs, that several amendments, although in general slight, ought to be made.

These refer to the period of prescription—the leading of precognitions—the peremptory diets—the appeal from inferior courts—the defence of their sentences, &c.

But instead of entering into a discussion upon these points, which would not only encroach upon your time, but be unnecessary in an address to your wisdom; it may be better, to state briefly, the whole proposed amendments upon the Overture in one view; proceeding from page to page; and only adding notes of explanation, where these shall seem to be requisite.

(To be continued.)

SHIPPING.

ARRIVED AT GRANGEMOUTH,

Dec. 17. Noble Anne, Christie, from Montrose, with linens.
Nancy, Finlay, from Dundee, with barley.
Mary, Marshal, from Borrowstounes, for Glasgow, deals.
19. Perseverance, Horsburgh, from Lynn, with grain.
Exchange, Jinkling, from Wells, with grain.
Margaret, Arthur, from Leith, for Glasgow, with goods.
Barbara, Taylor, from Borrowstounes, for ditto, ditto.
20. Experiment, Duncan, from Hull, with goods.

ARRIVED AT GREENOCK,

Dec. 11. Primrose, Robertson, from Dublin, with beef.
12. Nelly, Denny, from Cadiz, goods.
Nancy, Lamont, from Belfast, with barley.
Betsey, Patrick, from North Carolina, with tobacco.
13. Jenny, Stewart, from Petersburgh, with hemp and iron.
Savage sloop of war, from a cruise.
Excise cutter, Capt. Gelly, from ditto.
14. Nanty, Lawrie, from Dublin, with goods.
15. Racehorse, Lin, from Milford, with cork.
16. Put back, the Jeanie, Martin, for Charlestown.

ARRIVED AT LEITH, Dec. 16. Providence, Jones, from Alloa, with coals and goods; Ann and Margaret, Norrie, from ditto, with malt; Jancts, Spittel, from London, with goods.—18. Mary, Tomlinson, from Yarmouth, with flour and grain; Friendship, Milne, from Aberdeen, with goods; Mally, Bryce, from Montrose, with ditto; Jean, Ferrier, from Morrison's-haven, with vitriol; Ann, Wells, from Blackney, with grain; Peggy, Kidd, from Dundee, with hemp and goods; Peggy, Scott, from Dunbar, with malt.—19. Lady Grant, Malcolm, from Aberdeen, with goods; five sloops with coals.—19. Jean and May, Wilson, from Stromway, with herrings, &c.; Glasford, Greig, from Preston, in ballast.—20. Hillock, Somerville, from Newcastle, with goods; [illegible] with grain; Favourite, Bett, from Montel, with wood; two sloops with coals.

SAILED, Margaret, Arther, for Glasgow, with goods; Jean, Ferrier, for ditto, with ditto; Thomas and Elizabeth, Bolter, for Yarmouth, with soap; Betsey, Miller, for London, with goods; Peggy, Alexander, for Torry, with ditto; David and Mary, Blackwood, for Alloa, with ashes.

PRICES OF GRAIN AT HADDINGTON, Dec. 15.

	First.	Second.	Third.
Wheat,	20s. 0d.	19 s. 0 d.	18 s. 0
Barley,	18 0.	17 0	16 0
Oats,	13 0	11 6.	10 0
Peafe,	16 6	13 0	——

P. FORRESTER and Co. inform their Customers, That they have, as usual, laid in a large and complete assortment of Jewellery, Silver, Plate and Hardware of all kinds, for the winter season; and have this week got a fresh supply of the following articles, of the newest patterns.

Plated and brown Tea Kitchens and Coffee Pots.
Silver and plated Sugar Basons and Milk Pails.
Silver and plated Sets of Castors, Tea Pots, and Salts.
Silver and plated Candlesticks of all kinds.
Plated Tureens, Decanters, and Sauce Boats.
Plated Bread Baskets and Trays.
Gold, Silver, and Gilt Watches.
Gold Rings, Lockets, Pins, &c.
Elastic and other plated Buckles on steel.
A large assortment of silk and linen Umbrellas.
Ditto of silver plated and ivory handled Knives and Forks, with or without mahogany, shagreen, or paper Cases.

☞ The highest prices are always given for all kinds of Gold, Silver, and Lace.

STATE LOTTERY, 1786.

THE TICKETS are sold and divided into Halves, Quarters, Eighths, and Sixteenths, by

HAZARD & COMPANY, STOCK-BROKERS,

At their State Lottery Office, No. 93. under the Royal Exchange, London,

And no where else on their Account.

Correct Numerical and Register Books are kept, and Tickets and Shares registered at Sixpence per number.

Note—In the last and two preceding English Lotteries, the following capital prizes have been sold and shared at the above Office, viz. No. 30,503, 22,151, and 40,229, Prizes of Twenty Thousand Pounds each: No. 3668, 8002, 27,156, and 45,552, Prizes of Ten Thousand Pounds each: And in the last Irish Lottery, No. 378, a Prize of Ten Thousand Pounds, 2445, 1 Prize of Two Thousand Pounds, and 3570, and 17,081, Prizes of One Thousand Pounds each.

THE SCHEME.

No. of Prizes.		Value of each.		Total Value.
2	of	L. 20,000	is	L. 40,000
3	——	10,000	——	30,000
5	——	5000	——	25,000
10	——	2000	——	20,000
15	——	1000	——	15,000
30	——	500	——	15,000
100	——	100	——	10,000
250	——	50	——	12,500
16,375	——	20	——	325,000
16,696 Prizes		——	——	L. 493,000
First drawn Ticket,				1000
Ditto the 4th day,				1000
Ditto the 7th day,				1000
Ditto the 10th day,				1000
Ditto the 13th day,				1000
Ditto the 16th day,				3000
The last drawn Ticket,				1000
33,310 Blanks				——
50,000 Tickets		——	——	L. 500,000

Not Two Blanks to a Prize.

THE PRESENT PRICE OF SHARES.

Half,	L. 7 15 0	Eighth,	L. 1 19 6
Fourth,	3 19 0	Sixteenth,	1 0 0

☞ All Shares sold at this Office will be stamped agreeable to Act of Parliament, and also with the *Crown*, and round it, *Hazard's Lottery Office*.

Money for the Prizes will be paid at this Office as soon as drawn.

Letters (Post paid) duly answered, and Schemes gratis.

Begins drawing the 12th February, 1787.

N. B. Agreeable to Act of Parliament, no business in the Lottery transacted before eight o'clock in the morning, nor after eight o'clock in the evening.

Bank, India, and South Sea Stocks, with their several annuities, India Bonds, Navy and Victualling Bills, and all kind of Government Securities, bought and sold by Commission.

No Bills unless at sight, or short date can be be taken

FOR LONDON,

The LOVELY MARY,

WILLIAM BEATSON Master,

Lying in Leith harbour, taking in goods, and sails the 4th of January 1787.

The master to be spoke with at the Exchange Coffeehouse, at 'Change hours, mornings and evenings on board the ship, or at his house foot of the Shore, Leith.

The above ship has neat accommodation for passengers, and the best of stage may be depended on.

The following letter is copied from the London Gazette of Saturday the 4th of December.

Corsham, 27th Oct. 1786.

" SIR,

WM. Newman of Corsham, Wilts, was suddenly seized with a violent pain in his bowels, and obliged to leave his work; not able to walk or stand, was conducted home between two persons; and living next door to me, and having the character of a very honest man, with a family of eight children, I stepped in, to enquire how he was; and found his wife, and some of his neighbours heating bricks or tiles, to apply to his body, which I thought improper; and having compassion on the poor man, who was groaning under the most excruciating pain, gave him some of your Oriental Vegetable Cordial; and to my great surprize, after he had taken about half a bottle, according to the directions, he found himself quite relieved; and in a few hours, got up and went to work. This I am ready to verify upon oath, if required.

I am, Sir, your humble servant,
RICHARD BOUCHER."

To Mr B. CORNWELL, London.

by the immediate effects produced in taking it when the stomach is overloaded with food, nauseated with surfeit.

†‖† The extraordinary influence that the ORIENTAL VEGETABLE CORDIAL imparts to the stomach, from it tonic and invigorating qualities, is strongly exemplified or debilitated by intemperance.

To constitutionally weak stomachs it affords a pleasing sensation; it accelerates the process of digestion, corrects crudities, and removes the cholic and flatulencies; it diffuses a genial warmth that cherishes the animal spirits, and takes away the listlessness and langour that so greatly embitters the hours of nervous people; and the unerring test of experience has confirmed its utility.

Sold by Mr B. Cornwell, Conduit Street, Hanover Square, in bottles at 5 s. each, duty included, and by Messr. HUSBAND, ELDER, and CO. Edinburgh.

" SIR, *Poole, Dec.* 11. 1786.

I Have much pleasure in forwarding you the enclosed letter, which is just given me for that purpose, by a patient of your's, *a very respectable character* (Mr Robert Harvey, shipbuilder of Hamworthy, near this place) who bought your Drops of me, and has obtained a perfect cure of a very afflicting complaint, which does you much credit in this town and neighbourhood, where he is universally esteemed.

" I remain, Sir,
" Your very humble servant,
To Mr John Hayman, Great JOSEPH MOORE."
Marlbro'-street, London.

Hamworthy, opposite Poole, Dorsetshire, Dec. 11. 1786.

" SIR,

" HAVING been through a course of your Drops with success, and wishing to point out the same relief to others, I am impelled to send you this for publication.

" For the last five years I was severely afflicted with the inward and outward piles, arising, I apprehend, from a scorbutic habit, to which I was very subject in my youth; they frequently discharged great quantities of blood, and tormented me exceedingly.

" Thus situated, I had recourse to your Drops, the very first bottle of which gave me ease; and I am happy to confess, that, by a continuance of seven more, my complaint entirely left me. I further declare, in justice to your preparation, that my health at the present moment is, in all respects, better than for many years past.

" I am, Sir,
" Your very humble servant,
ROBERT HARVEY."

To Mr HAYMAN, London.

HAYMAN's MAREDANT's DROPS, are distinguished by having his name and residence, viz. " *I. HAY-MAN, Marlbro'-street,*" engraved in the Government label, denominating the duty on each bottle, printed at the Stamp-Office by order of the Commissioners, to secure his property, and the health of the afflicted, against counterfeits; and thus labelled, they are sold price 5 s. 5 d. per bottle, by Messr. HUSBAND, ELDER, and CO. Edinburgh; Mr A. M'Donald, Glasgow; Messr. Morrison and Son, Perth; Mr R. Garden, Aberdeen; Mr A. Wylie, Dumfries; and by some licensed Vender of prepared Medicines in every town in Great Britain.

By Adjournment,
AT REQUEST OF PERSONS INTENDING TO PURCHASE.

Houses and Garden Ground to be Sold,

AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

TO be SOLD within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 27th day of December curt. between the hours of five and six afternoon, for the benefit of the CREDITORS of PATRICK CHRISTIE, Officer of Excise at Gilmerton, and his wife,

LOT I. All and Whole that row of HOUSES, consisting of two tenements, being about ninety-four feet of built front, and twenty-nine falls of Garden Ground at the back thereof, lying in St Ninian's or Beggar-row, Edinburgh, near the Methodist Chapel.

N. B. These premisses are commodiously situated either for private or public buildings. They are held of the Magistrates and Council of Edinburgh, as Governors of Paul's Work, for an annual feu-duty of 3 l. Sterling, &c. They are without the royalty, and enjoy all the immunities and privileges peculiar to that situation. The subjects as they now stand, are let for about 32 l. Sterling of yearly rent; but that rent is but trifling compared with what may be raised from an area of about 124 feet by 94, when laid out with judgment, answerable to the advantages of its situation.

LOT II. All and Whole that Piece of GROUND, which belonged to and was feued out by James Lord Somerville, to James Smith, wright in Gilmerton, extending along Lord Somerville's park dyke one hundred and thirteen feet or thereabouts; and from thence north-east about one hundred feet; from thence north-west one hundred and thirteen feet; and from thence south-west ninety feet or thereabouts: Together with the TENEMENT of LAND, and whole HOUSES built upon the said piece of ground, the Close or Area leading thereto from the King's High-street; and the whole other privileges and pertinents thereof, lying within the town of Gilmerton, and parish of Libberton.

N. B. These subjects, which are held of Lord Sommerville, for an annual feu-duty of 10 s. 6 d. Sterling, &c. are commodiously situated for an extensive manufactory or Distillery. They are now let for upwards of 10 l. Sterling of yearly rent.

LOT III. All and Whole the Laigh or Ground Storey of that TENEMENT of LAND, built by John Richardson, mason at Fountain Bridge, lying on the west side of the new Street, leading from Fountain Bridge Street southward to Lochrind, being the second tenement from Fountain Bridge, fronting the said new Street; together with a piece of waste Ground at the back of the south end thereof. These yield about 5 l. Sterling per annum, and are held of the above John Richardson, for a yearly feu-duty of 18 s.

The articles of sale of the whole premisses may be seen by applying to John Young writer, Kincaid's Court, (trust-disponee of the said Patrick Christie and his wife, for the benefit of all their Creditors) who will communicate such other particulars relative to the premisses, as those inclining to purchase may require.

Mr and Mrs Christie's Creditors are intreated to lodge with the trustee distinct notes of their several grounds of debt and diligence.

Sale of Wheat from Lynn.

TO be SOLD by public roup, on Tuesday next, the 26th current, at Mrs Sarsfield's house in Leith, for the benefit of the Underwriters, at eleven o'clock forenoon, about SEVEN HUNDRED BOLLS of WHEAT, of remarkable fine quality; to be put up in lots as shall be agreed upon by the purchasers.

An equitable and a really valuable Chance,
Including every prize, from a 20 l. to a 20,000 l.
In the present ENGLISH STATE-LOTTERY.
The whole of the purchase-money returned, if drawn only a small prize of 20 l.

To continue during the whole time of the Drawing.

That is to say, from the first-drawn Ticket till the last Ticket is drawn out of the wheel; and the money for the prizes will be paid on demand, without the smallest deduction whatever.

HORNSBY AND CO. at their old established house, No. 26, Cornhill, and no where else on their account, respectfully inform the public, that they have renewed their old and much approved subscription plan, at One Guinea, Half-a-Guinea, and Five Shillings and Sixpence, which has been so universally supported for twenty Lotteries past; and they make no doubt but they shall receive, from their worthy patrons, every countenance and support on the present occasion, as HORNSBY AND CO. are determined to pursue every measure to the entire satisfaction of the public.

ONE GUINEA.			HALF-A-GUINEA.		
If a £ 20,000	to £ 1600	0	If a £ 20,000	to £ 800	0
10,000	to 800	0	10,000	to 400	0
5000	to 400	0	5000	to 200	0
2000	to 160	0	2000	to 80	0
1000	to 80	0	1000	to 40	0
500	to 40	0	500	to 20	0
100	to 10	0	100	to 5	0
50	to 5	0	50	to 2	10
20	to 1	1	20	to 10 s. 6 d.	

If the number be the first-drawn on the 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th, 13th, and 16th days, or the last-drawn ticket on the last day, 80 l. will be paid for the same.

If the number be the first-drawn on the 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th, 13th, and 16th days, or the last-drawn ticket on the last day, 40 l. will be paid for the same.

FIVE SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE.

If a £ 20,000	to	£ 400 0 0
10,000	to	200 0 0
5000	to	100 0 0
2000	to	40 0 0
1000	to	20 0 0
500	to	10 0 0
100	to	2 10 0
50	to	1 5 0
20	to	0 5 6

If the number be the first-drawn on the 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th, 13th, and 16th days, or the last-drawn ticket on the last day, 20 l. will be paid for the same.

The following capital considerations are likewise given gratis, beside the sums above mentioned.

If the subscription be drawn any prize whatever above a 20l. a new subscription will be given, exclusive of the full money for the prize, and if drawn only a small prize of 20 l. the first cost will be returned.

Subscribers to this society, previous to the commencement of the drawing, will have the option of renewing their original subscription at the first price, and as often as they please, let the price of tickets go as high as it will: And it is a well known fact, that, for several lotteries past, the Guinea Subscriptions have been sold for Five Guineas: In this particular, the two last whole days of drawing only are excepted.

Purchasers buying five, at One Guinea, Half-a-Guinea, or Five Shillings and Sixpence, shall receive five times the money laid out, if all five be drawn prizes.

The immense sums of money which have been punctually paid to the public by Hornsby and Co. render it impossible for them to continue publishing a list of prizes which they have sold; but they will observe an invariable rule to publish such prizes as are drawn, for the immediate information of their customers, and the whole at the conclusion of the drawing of every lottery.

Letters (post paid) duly answered. Any person desiring to have a faithful account of their subscription, sent as soon as drawn to any part of the town or country, may receive the same without any additional expence.

Plans at large may be had gratis, at No. 26, Cornhill.

BY ADJOURNMENT,

Sale of Vicarsgrange.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 23d day of January 1787, between the hours of five and six in the afternoon.

The Lands of VICARSGRANGE, (with or without the Superiority annexed thereto, as purchasers shall incline,) in the parish of Kinghorn, situated on the sea-coast between the populous towns of Kirkcaldy and Kinghorn, about a mile from each, commanding an extensive view of the coast of Fife, the Frith, and the opposite Lothian shores, and affording a most delightful situation for building. Along the shore are extensive quarries of excellent limestone, which have never been worked, conveniently situated for sea carriage, and plenty of good free-stone. The lands are well supplied with running water; they are at present under lease at a low rent to one tenant, who has the means of manuring them plentifully, and whose tack will expire at Martinmas 1789, when a considerable rise of rent may certainly be obtained. The lands hold of the Crown, and a purchaser so inclining can be accommodated with a freehold qualification for the county of Fife.

Mr John Stock, brewer at Bridgeton, near Kirkcaldy, will shew the lands; and the articles of roup and conditions of sale, &c. will be shown by Mr James Rutherford, writer to the signet, Edinburgh; to whom, or Captain Beatson at Dysart, the proprietor, any person inclining to purchase by private bargain may apply betwixt and the day of sale.

A House and Area to Sell.

AS the HOUSE presently possessed by the Antiquarian Society, lying on the north side of the Cowgate of Edinburgh, is found improper for the purpose of their Museum, it is proposed to dispose of the same, with the Area thereto belonging, by public roup, on Friday the 19th January next, in the Exchange Coffeehouse, between the hours of twelve and one noon. The House consists of three stories, containing the following apartments, and conveniencies, viz. In the ground storey a large kitchen, a servants hall adjoining, an ale cellar, a coal cellar, and a cellar fitted up with catacombs;—on the parlour floor, a lobby, a large parlour, three fire-rooms, and a room without a fire place;—on the second floor, five rooms with fire places;—on the third floor, the same number of fire rooms, with two large closets;—and in the upper or garret floor, which is neatly lathed and plaistered, the same number of apartments.

On the west side of the house, a hen-house, midding-stead, and two little houses;—on the front of the Area, and on the line with the Cowgate, two handsome pavilions, for stable, coach-house, and hay-lofts. The area is in length from north to south 228 feet, and in breadth fronting the Cowgate, 66 feet. There is a water-pipe in the house from the town's pipes, which runs into a large cistern of lead at the kitchen door. There is a carriage entry to the house by the Cowgate, and also a foot entry from the High Street, by the New Bank Close.

The premisses are in good order, and may be seen every day, Sundays excepted, between eleven and two o'clock.

For particulars enquire at John Dundas writer to the signet, who has power to conclude a private bargain; or to Mr Cummyng the Secretary for the Society, at the house, by whom it will be shown.

Sale of Goods, and Sett of Subjects

AT MAINPOINT.

WHEREAS the Copartnery trade, for many years carried on at Mainpoint, near Portsburgh, Edinburgh, formerly under the Firm or Designation of JOSEPH and DAVID GAVIN and CO. and after the decease of the saids Joseph and David Gavins, under the Firm of AGNES GAVIN and COMPANY, is now by the decease of Mrs Gavin, finally dissolved, which requires the affairs of the Company to be speedily winded up.—The stock of goods on hand, belonging to the said Agnes Gavin and Company, will continue to be sold off at the shop at Mainpoint, possessed by the said Company, at low prices, but only for ready money; and such as are indebted to the said Company, are desired to pay what they owe by bills or accompts to Bailie Peter Hardie, brewer in Portsburgh, who is authorised to receive and discharge the same; and any persons to whom the said Company stood indebted, will be pleased to apply to him for payment. And there is to be let and entered to at Whitsunday next, or sooner, that well-frequented Shop at Mainpoint, formerly possessed by the aforesaid Company, with a variety of cellars, and other accommodations.

For further particulars, enquire at the said Bailie Peter Hardie.

SALE OF AREAS.

By Order of the Trustees for Building a Bridge over the Cowgate, &c.

THERE are to be exposed to Sale by public Roup, within the Old Justiciary Court-house, in Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 27th day of December curt. at five o'clock afternoon,

FOUR AREAS or LOTS for building, on the east side of South Bridge Street, being numbers VII. VIII. IX. and X. the last being the corner area at the Cowgate arch.—Each area will consist of about 48 feet in front along Bridge-street; the 7th and 10th Lots 33 feet in width, and the 8th and 9th 32 feet in width.

The purchaser of the 7th Lot will have a right to two of the arches under the street, the length of the middle or cross wall, with the materials of Mary's Chapel, and the smith's shop on the north thereof, on the east side of Niddry's Wynd.

The purchaser of the 8th Lot will have right to one of the said arches, the length of the said wall, and to the materials of the houses belonging to the Wrights and Masons, on the south side of Mary's Chapel, and east side of Niddry's Wynd.

The purchaser of the 9th Lot will have right to two of the arches under the street, the length of the said wall, and to the meterials of Dallas's tenement, on the east side of Niddry's Wynd.

And the purchasers of the corner or 10th Lot will also have right to two of the said arches, to the length of the said cross wall, and to the materials of the corner tenement at the foot and on the east side of Niddry's Wynd.

All these arches are 20 feet span at the spring of the arch, and several stories of vaults may be made in each of them.

The Trustees will build the south gable of the 10th Lot, being the wall fronting the Cowgate, from the foundation to the height of the Cowgate Street.

The entry to the premisses to be on the 26th day of May next.

The price to bear interest from Whitsunday 1788, and to be payable, the one half at Martinmas 1788, and the other half at Martinmas 1789.

N. B. The Trustees will not object to the purchasers entering sooner, provided they make an agreement for that purpose with any others concerned.

The conditions of sale will be shown by John Gray writer to the signet; and a plan and elevation of the intended buildings will be shown by Robert Kay, surveyor to the Trustees, at his house in Sandiland's close.

SALE OF JOHNSTON

ADJOURNED.

To be Sold by private bargain, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 14th day of February 1787, between five and six in the evening,

THE Lands of Johnston, called Johnston Mains, with the pertinents, lying in the parish of Eskdalemuir and sheriffdom of Dumfries.

The lands are pleasantly situated on the water of Esk, between Hawick and Langholm, about an equal distance from each. The present rent is only about 40l. but a considerable rise may be expected on the purchaser's entry, which may be immediately, as there are no tacks on the lands.

Thomas Johnston of Grange will inform as to particulars concerning their extent, and the tenants will shew the grounds.

The progress of writs, which are clear, and rental, may be seen by applying to Messrs John Gordon and Alexander Abercrombie, writers to the signet, who have power to conclude a bargain.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

Sale of Lands and Fishings

In the Counties of Nairn and Ross.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, on Friday the 12th day of January next 1787, betwixt the hours of five and seven afternoon,

The Two Remaining Lots of the Estates in Scotland, which belonged to the deceased Sir Alexander Grant, Baronet, viz.

LOT I. The LANDS and TENEMENTS lying in and about the town of Nairn, with one half of the salmon-fishings on the water of Nairn, held of subject-superiors, yielding of free yearly rent 232 l. 14 s. 10 d. Sterling.—These Lands are out of lease; and the rents have not been raised for many years past. They are well supplied with peats from the mosses of Nairn, and accommodated with a considerable extent of out pasture-ground of the commonty of Nairn. The old Mansion-house, pigeon-house, and garden of Clava, are included in this parcel; and there are sundry boats for white or sea fishing, which pay teind-fish that are not rentalled. This lot is to be exposed at the reduced upset-price of 5000 l. Sterling.

LOT II. The LANDS lying in and about the towns of Fortrose and Rosemarkie, situated along the bays of Fortrose and Avock, holding feu partly of the Magistrates of Fortrose, and partly of the heirs of Mr Ross of Cromarty The free rent of these lands, converting 15 bolls 2 firlots bear at ten shillings per boll, amounts to 192 l. 7 s. 10 d. Sterling. And they are to be exposed at the reduced upset price of 4500.

Persons intending to purchase may, in the mean time, apply, to William Keith, accomptant in Edinburgh who has powers to sell by private bargain. And Colquhoun Grant writer to the signet, will show the title-deeds, rentals, and articles of roup.

For Kingston, Black River, and Savannah-la-Mar,
JAMAICA,
(To call at Madeira)

The Ship GRANDVALE,
ROBERT BAINE Master,
Lying in the harbour of Port Glasgow, is now ready to take on board goods, and will positively sail by the 1st of January. Any persons who wish to have wines shipped by this vessel from Madeira for Clyde, will please give their orders immediately to Loudoun, Craigie, and Co. merchants, Glasgow, mentioning the quality of the wine they want, and they may depend on not being disappointed.

The Grandvale has excellent accommodation for Passengers—For freight or passage apply as above, or to the Captain at Port-Glasgow. Glasgow, Dec. 11, 1786.

TO BE SOLD OR LET,

THE Lands of Easter Langlee, in the

parish of Melrose, and county of Roxburgh. This Farm consists of above 400 English acres, all arable, and finely watered. It is beautifully situated upon the river of Tweed, nearly midway betwixt Melrose and Galashiels, within about a mile and a half of each of these towns, with the turnpike road running through the lands. The river Tweed bounds the farm on the south; and, on the west, north, and east, it is well sheltered by high grounds; so that it is warm and early land. No improvement hath hitherto been made upon it. The present rent is only 70 l. and the current lease expires at Whitsunday next.

For further particulars, apply to Archibald Gibson writer to the signet, who is empowered to let or sell the subject, and with whom a plan of the lands and the title-deeds are lodged.

By Adjournment.
JUDICIAL SALE,

Lands in Dumfries-shire.

TO be SOLD by public roup, under the authority of the Lords of Council and Session, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 24th day of January 1787, betwixt the hours of four and six afternoon, in one or more lots,

The LANDS and ESTATE of LAIRDHOLME, LINHALL, and RAVENSHILL, with the teinds thereof, which belonged to the deceased William Johnston of Lairdholme, lying in the parish of Tundergarth, and shire of Dumfries.

The proven rent of the above lands is 118 l. 7 s. 4 d. Sterling, which the Lords having valued at 20 years purchase, the upset price is 2367 l. 6 s. 8 d. Sterling.

These lands hold feu of subjects-superior; they are agreeably situated upon the water of Milk, within five miles of Lockerby and Ecclefechan, and four from the lime-quarries of Blacketrigg. They are very extensive, consisting of arable, meadow, and pasture ground, in a proper proportion.—The first are of a fine sharp soil—The last are fit both for sheep and black cattle. The whole being almost in a state of nature, are capable of great improvement, which may be carried on a moderate expence. There are large peat mosses in different parts of the estate, which are very valuable, fuel being scarce in that part of the country. A mansion-house, garden, and offices, are also on the premisses, with a considerable quantity of young wood, natural and planted.

If more agreeable to offerers, the above lands will be exposed in the two following lots:

LOT I. To consist of the Lands of Lairdholme and Linhall, presently possessed by Mrs Johnston, the proven free rent of which is 83 l. 12 s. 8 d. Sterling.

On this lot is the mansion-house, garden, and offices.

LOT II. To consist of the Farm of Ravenshill, possessed by Thomas Johnston, at 34 l. 14 s. 8 d. of nett rent, after all deductions.

The articles of roup and title-deeds, will be seen at the office of Mr Kilpatrick depute-clerk of Session; and further information may be got by applying to James Thomson writer to the signet, Hanover-street, or to Mr Peter Bell at Carterton, near Moffat, the factor on the estate.

AYR-SHIRE.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the King's Arms Inn in Ayr, upon Thursday the 11th day of January 1787, at twelve o'clock noon,

The Three-Pound Land of old extent of KIRKDOMINE, *alias* KIRKLANDS, and UPPER and NETHER ALDOUNS, with the teinds;—The Forty Shilling Land of NETHER PINMORE, and DAMB and HOLM thereof, with the right of redemption of the said teinds;—The Three-Pound Land of Upper and Nether BALLICKMURRIES, FARDENREOCH, and CRAGCANNOCHIE, with the teinds thereof;—The Lands of MINUNTION;—And the Five-Merk Land of MEIKLE and NETHER BENNAN, and teinds of the same; all lying in the parishes of Barr and Colmonell, and shire of Ayr. The rent presently payable for these lands is as follows, viz.

	Rent.	*By lease curt. till Whits.*
For Kirkdomine, *alias* Kirklands,	L. 32 0 0	1792 & 1793
Upper and Nether Aldouns, and Woodkeeper's possession,	48 0 0	1802
Nether Pinmore, and Damb and Holm thereof,	30 0 0	1787
Ballickmurries,	46 0 0	1800
Fardenreoch,	36 0 0	1804
Cragcannochie	34 0 0	1804
Minuntion,	41 0 0	1804
Meikle and Nether Bennan,	52 10 0	1800
	L. 309 10 0	

The rents are all well paid, and the tenants besides pay the whole public burdens.

These lands extend to about 3429 acres, Scotch measure, and are pleasantly situated on the water of Stincher. They abound with lime, and are within a few miles of coal. There is likewise upon them a very considerable quantity of valuable WOOD, nearly ready for cutting.

All these lands are held blench of the Prince, excepting the Kirklands and Aldouns, which hold of the Crown, &c. and the Benans, which hold of a subject for payment of a small feu-duty. The proprietor stands inrolled as a Freeholder upon Kirkdomine, Upper and Nether Aldouns, Nether Pinmore and Damb and Holm, and Ballickmurries, Fardenreoch, and Cragcannochie, by valuation, which extends to 516 l. 13 s. 4 d.; but there is a return upon the Aldouns, which it is believed will give a vote of itself, and upon a division of the valuation. Leave what is sufficient for another.—There is likewise, it is believed a vote by retour upon Minuntion.

The whole teinds are valued.

If these lands are not sold altogether, they will be exposed in the following Lots, viz.

LOT I. KIRKDOMINE, *alias* KIRKLANDS.

There is wood upon this lot to the value of upwards of 100 l.; and there is an annual Fair held upon the lands, which yields of custom, 11 l. 10 s. Sterling. It is expected the rent of this lot will rise considerably upon a new set.

LOT II. UPPER and NETHER ALDOUNS, and Woodkeeper's Possession, NETHER PINMORE & DAMB and HOLM thereof.

The wood upon the lands, it is supposed, may be worth upwards of 1000 l.; and there is an inexhaustable limequarry, having the benefit of a draw-kiln, and a good turnpike road running close by it. These lands lie within four miles of the sea-port town of Girvan.

LOT III. BALLICKMURRIES.

LOT IV. FARDENREOCH and CRAGCANNOCHIE.

These lands are partly inclosed, and there is some upon them.—Cragcannochie is very low set.

LOT V. MINUNTION.

The proprietor is entitled to resume the possession of this farm at Whitsunday 1792, when more rent may be expected. It is mostly all arable, and contains abundance of lime. There is likewise some wood upon it, and it is partly inclosed.

LOT VI. MEIKLE and NETHER BENNAN.

In these lands the lime is inexhaustible, and they have some wood upon them.

The proprietor of this estate has right to Salmon Fishing in the water of Stincher, which is of some value.

The tenants will shew the lands; and for further particulars, application may be made to Primrose Kennedy of Drummellan, Esq; Mr William Leggat, by Stranraer; or Andrew Blane writer to the signet, who will show the title-deeds, &c. and be ready to treat with any person by private bargain.

NOTICE

All persons having claims against Mr M'ILWRATH of Kirkland, will please send notes thereof, without delay, to the above Andrew Blane.

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